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**ROUGH LANDING** - Momentum carries Ben Thomas out of the pit as he competes in the triple jump event at the South Chinook's Edge School Division track and field meet in Didsbury Tuesday. For more on the track and field meet, see p8.

## Plug pulled on 'incorrect' sewer policy

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
*Review Staff*

Make no mistake – responsibility for residential sewer pipes won't be shifted over entirely to homeowners.

So said Mayor Brian Wittal, who is revising a controversial sanitary sewer policy that had residents up in arms last month.

"The biggest thing was the policy made it look like residents are responsible for replacing or repairing their sewer line from the house to the main and that is incorrect. Replacement is to the property line where it always has been and always will be," he said.

"I assume people will be happy with what we'll put out."

The town plans on releasing the revised policy in the May utility bill – one month later than originally promised – so people can provide feedback. A decision on the final draft will be made June 29.

Residents upset about the original Residential Sanitary Sewer Service policy say the latest draft sounds good. They look forward to seeing it in print, but they also say errors

like the one made in this policy should be prevented from happening again.

"I nearly flipped a gizzard when I heard the town was going to put the cost and responsibility for the line onto residents ... I mean our taxes and utility bills are already going up," said Donnally McNeil, resident.

***"What were they even thinking to entertain this? I don't want to see this happen again."***

DONNALLY MCNEIL  
*resident*

"And it seemed like council was going to pass this. They were all for it. I mean, what were they even thinking to entertain this? I don't want to see this happen again."

Laverne Guertin doesn't want to see a repeat of last

month's mistakes either.

"Perhaps the town has to look at better communication among itself and with the public over things like this. People should definitely have more input."

The Residential Sanitary Sewer policy landed on council's table for the first time on April 6, and proposed to be put on homeowners to investigate and repair pipelines leading from the house to the main – usually in the centre of the road. The original policy also said residents must hire a plumbing contractor, acquire permits and place temporary street pavement patches on roadways.

It made sense to councillors; after all "the responsibility shouldn't stop at the property because the pipe goes further than that," said Coun. Bob Davidson.

But four residents who caught wind of the policy and attended the council meeting asked councillors to reconsider or at least look to the general public for input. Residents shouldn't have to bear the cost of poor infrastructure, they said.

Wittal agrees and admits the policy was "incorrect." *See sewer p2*

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# Road repairs nixed to favour sidewalks

*Changes to capital plan could put thousands in reserve*

BY TAMARA  
CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Annexed roads and concrete fixes top this year's revised capital projects list.

Didsbury councillors made the changes last Tuesday after residents made clear that cracked, aged and sagging sidewalks should be ranked high priority. Walkways had been previously left off the 2010 budget.

"People said they were concerned more about sidewalks than asphalt so we took that into consideration ... this is a good example of democracy and how it works," said Roy Brown, chief administrative officer.

It was a juggling act for councillors to find the dollars to make the switch. Less Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding from the provincial government has given the town thousands less to work with on roadways.

According to Brown, council had to shelf at least one major road reconstruction project if they wanted to slip sidewalk fixes into the budget this year. Councillors unanimously decided to cross of Coop Road and the curb, gutter and paving of 23rd Street, between 15th Avenue

and 12th Avenue. It will give the town about \$780,000 to work with and about \$480,000 additional monies once the sidewalks are paid for.

The extra dollars will likely be put into reserve, Brown said.

"Council knows the Coop Road is in very, very bad shape but it's not a well-used road and can wait awhile ... and 23rd Street could have some development going in there and until they service it there's no point in doing any repaving. They'd dig it all up," he said.

lash out.

"There are just so many roads in town that need repair, should we really be repairing roads that were just in the county last year? We could have them (the public) chomping on our backs again," said Coun. Gayle Veno during the Tuesday council meeting.

Mayor Brian Wittal initially agreed. Residents would likely question the move to improve the roads, when there are other places in town that have been waiting years for fixes, he said.

And the value would probably be better "in town" than "out of town."

"These roads were just left by the county and no repairs were done to them in the last while so ... my concern was about how people would feel if we suddenly did something about it," Wittal said, after the council meeting.

"But what swayed me was this could cost more if we wait on it and there is a sense of urgency to do this ... according to (MacDonald) the roads are really deteriorating out there."

Construction will be funded with capital grants and could get started within the month.

The roadways have been singled out as a liability by the public works department. 23rd Street, or the back road leading to Olds, has four-inch ruts that can be "hazardous" in winter driving conditions and damaged asphalt is expected to cause the street to fall apart in the next six months.

New pavement would give the roads a 10- to 20-year lifespan but councillors feared the fix could also cause the public to



Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

A freight train slices through traffic along 23rd Street, north of 582.

## Sewer

*Continued from page 1*

He and several others who created the policy, including Luana Smith, legislative services and Roy Brown, chief administrative officer were in Japan when it was released to council. If they had been there, Wittal believes they would have "realized the statements didn't ring true and errors would have been caught."

"I think things got lost in translation or information was missed when it was typed up," he said of the proposal.

"We sat down as a group and hashed out this policy and we were all crossing things out and adding things in and administration was trying to take notes.

I imagine a lot of us were a little unsure of exactly what we came up with."

Wittal said he didn't see a draft of the policy before it went to council, nor does he know who typed it up.

The revised policy, which is going to be released early next month, will make things clearer for the general public, he said, as residents will carry the same responsibility they always have. Homeowners will be responsible for maintaining the pipe to the property line and for any blockages out to the main.

As of Thursday morning, the policy committee agreed breakages in the pipe caused by roots will be fixed by whoever is responsible for the pipe. That means it doesn't matter whose tree caused the damage but where the dam-

age occurred.

According to town officials, the pavement patch clause is no longer included in the policy but it could be part of the new ground disturbance policy.

The town says it will try and make improvements on how policies are prepared and reviewed. Council will be "very aware of what's in the document and that it's communicated correctly," Wittal said.

"This was a good learning experience but not one you want to keep doing over and over. It doesn't instill confidence with residents when something like this happens or when there's this type of miscommunication," he said.

"Hopefully we can assure them that this is how the document was supposed to be in the beginning."

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# Robber targets the Hi Ho

Gas station clerk foils crime, calls 9-1-1

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

A gas station employee remains shaken as the Didsbury RCMP continues to investigate an attempted Thursday evening robbery.

On May 13, at around 10:24 p.m. a man walked into the Didsbury Hi Ho Gas & Grocery dressed in black and carrying a small bag. His face was covered in black grease "to his eyelids," said Deb, an employee who witnessed the robbery.

She asked her full name not be given.

"I didn't think too much of him at first. We get a lot of dirty guys in here who work in the oil patch and construction ... I even thought he might have been working for CP (Rail) on that train derailment," she said.

"I laughed at him and said 'what happened to you?' He said he was on the job. Little did I know, exactly what that job was."

Deb, who was carrying out the garbage, turned and headed back to the counter when the man came in. She noticed then that his hands were clean – something that

didn't fit with his grease-smeared face.

"I began to get nervous so I stood back a little from the cash register. That's when he said he had a knife in his pocket and told me to put all the cash from the register into his little baggie."

"I asked him if he was serious and he just stared at me. And I stared back. Then I grabbed the phone and ran."

She called 9-1-1 as she dashed to the back of the store, while the robber bolted out the front. Police arrived minutes later, she said.

The Hi Ho Gas & Grocery clerk said the act was caught on video camera. Police are currently investigating a person of interest.

Deb, who was working alone at the time, said she's still shaken about the robbery. It's scary enough working nights, she said.

"I guess on some level I knew this could happen one day ... and I always wondered what I would do. I didn't freeze. I'll tell you that."

The man is described as being 25 to 30 years old, 5'11 with a stocky build and a goatee. He was wearing a black t-shirt, pants and a jacket at the time.

## Committee pitches art centre

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

The idea of a performing arts centre in Didsbury is attracting fanfare from musicians, actors and artists eager to take to the stage.

And Sharon Tsiras, the woman behind the movement, plans to fuel the excitement with this town's first performing arts committee meeting this June.

"I want to see what the interest is here ... how many people want to create a performing arts centre. If there's enough we can start creating some kind of business plan and begin looking for grants," she said.

People have already stepped forward to express interest, including the Town of Didsbury and Diana Steer, owner of Shorthorn Art Studio.

The idea started out small; the dream of a mother, who found it difficult to see her two children crammed onto a small stage in the multipurpose room at the Didsbury Recreation Centre or Didsbury High gym.

"I have been finding it so frustrating that there are no good venues around here for my children – and other musicians – to play in ... I mean the closest place would be Olds," Tsiras said.

"I started thinking about it and looking around and that's when I realized we don't have places for a lot of groups, like theatre performers, dancers and artists."

Steer would love to see a gallery open for local artists in Mountain View County and space for visual artists to work on site. This new performing arts centre could incorporate all of that – theatre, studio space and gallery, she said.

"As an artist, it's hard to get your name out there and show

your stuff, especially if you work out of your home so this would be a great idea. There are over 1,000 artists in Mountain View County alone who could use this," Steer said.

"I think trying to bring all of these things together and promote Didsbury as an arts community is a great idea. We could bring back a lot of our theatre groups ... which seem to be performing in Olds."

Kirk Wassmer, band teacher at Didsbury High School, is also on board and plans to attend the first arts committee meeting next month.

It seems overwhelming with many challenges ahead but if the community throws its weight behind this, it could happen, he said.

Last week he realized just how beneficial a local space would be for his students. They spent a few days traveling to the Trans Canada Theatre in Olds to record a CD.

It's a great space but "hugely labour intensive to move all our percussion gear there. We had to bring three truck-loads of equipment and a trailer to get everything ready and this is just for one event."

"It would be so much better if we could have somewhere local for these kids to play."

There are over 80 students in the band program who would use a space in Didsbury.

The meeting on June 16 will gauge interest in creating a committee that will move forward on the project and begin coming up with a multi-use building plan. The Grade 10 Green Street Band will play at the Didsbury High School at 6:30 before the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

"Right now, this is a dream. People are saying it'd be nice to have a performing arts centre but now we need to see them step up to the plate and get this thing going," Tsiras said.

## Chamber slowly loses funding

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

The town will continue to slash funding to the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce, despite pleas to do otherwise.

"We didn't feel taxpayer dollars should go into that organization when they are basically private enterprising individuals," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"So we are slowly weaning them off (our grant) to become more self-sufficient."

The town gave the Chamber of Commerce \$4,000 this year or \$1,000 less than what it gave the organization two years ago. The funding will continue to shrink by \$500 each year until the amount reaches zero – then the chamber is on its own.

Margo Ward, chamber president, pleaded with council to freeze the cutback last March.

"We depend on it ... we are not a charitable organization so we are not eligible for grants anywhere else," she said.

"If we continue to get less, we may have to stop some

of our programs and if that happens, it could hurt businesses."

Roy Brown, chief administrative officer, said councillors took the group's concerns into consideration during a Committee of the Whole meeting, but the fact is funding is limited and council has already agreed to use dollars to help new groups start up or bolster ones floundering financially.

"There is only so much to go around so eventually ... all groups relying on town funding will be asked to become self-sufficient," Brown said.

That doesn't mean the town won't help out where it can with in-kind work, he added.

"Just because we aren't handing over a cheque doesn't mean other contributions can't be made."

About 12 groups currently rely on the town for either tax supported dollars or FCSS grants, including the Didsbury Museum, Prairies to Peaks and Didsbury High School.

The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce plans to meet this week to discuss solutions to dwindling funds.

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# Editorial

## Conservatives' pardon system leaves job unfinished

DAN SINGLETON

Responding to widespread public outrage at revelations that sex offender pedophiles have been regularly granted pardons, the Harper government has announced plans to revamp the pardon system.

As things currently stand convicted sex offenders and other serious offenders are routinely, almost automatically, granted pardons five years after they complete their sentences. Under proposed changes, pardons will be replaced by so-called 'record suspensions', which will come with new, tougher conditions.

If the proposed legislation passes, persons convicted of sex offences against children in the future will not be eligible for record suspensions, nor will persons convicted of three or more indictable offences.

"The current system of pardons implies that what the person did is somehow OK, or is forgiven, or that the harm done has somehow disappeared," said Public Safety Minister Vic Toews.

"Our government disagrees, and is on the side of victims. That is why we are taking action to replace the current system and eliminate pardons for serious crimes."

Central Alberta Conservative MP Blake Richards, who spearheaded a petition calling for the pardon system to be toughened up, said the changes will "help protect our children and our communities, and better satisfy Canadians' ingrained sense of justice."

Canadians were outraged to hear a couple of months ago that convicted sex offender pedophiles such as former hockey coach Graham James had been able to have their records hidden from public scrutiny through pardons.

These proposed changes to the system, while obviously long overdue, represent a positive step forward when it comes to protecting the public, and children in particular, from sex offenders.

Yet the changes address only future applications by offenders, those who have yet to complete their sentences.

The changes do nothing to address the problem posed by the many, many other offenders who have already been granted pardons during the past two Harper government terms.

How many convicted pedophiles granted pardons under the Harper government's watch are now living, working and volunteering in West Central Alberta? How many of them are coaching hockey teams, baseball teams, soccer teams?

The Harper government should be applauded for making these long-overdue changes to the pardon system.

Yet the bottom line is that until now the same government did very, very little to reform the badly faulted system – and now the Conservatives are taking credit for doing only half the job?

If Prime Minister Harper and his fellow Conservative MPs are truly serious about protecting Canada's children, they should immediately do whatever it takes to publicly identify those sex offender pedophiles it has already granted pardons to, some of whom may very well be "hiding" in West Central Alberta right now.

# Opinion

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## Letters to the editor

### Lights should be OK for cars

I have a concern about light kits that are sold in auto part departments in stores. These are lights that you can mount under your vehicle, inside your vehicle or around your licence plates. For years these lights have been sold to customers.

I see nothing wrong with them as long as they are not flashing. We have always had lights on our own vehicles and were never bothered by the police. Even travelling from Edmonton to Calgary, no one said anything.

I have lived in Didsbury for over 30 years and no one has said anything about the lights on my vehicles and

then a new RCMP officer comes to town and pulls me over and tells me I have to take them off or I'll get a ticket. If I am not allowed to have them then why are stores allowed to sell them? I feel stores are taking advantage of people by selling these lights. I also feel these lights don't bother anyone so the RCMP should stop harassing people about them and turn their focus on real crime. People need to stand up for their rights on what they believe in. We have to stop taxpayers' money being wasted on stuff like this.

*Norm Carnochan  
Didsbury*

### Council's talk shouldn't be at coffee house

*Re: Council coffee talk at Mugs coffee house*

As a resident of Didsbury, I am very upset that the mayor and council would promote one business over many other great places to meet for a free cup of coffee – unless of course one of you have a vested interest in Mugs and that should be kept separate from mayoral and council duties.

If you have the time to chat at a coffee house, surely you have time to set up a coffee talk in the town's office to discuss what's been happening in town. After all we pay for that office don't we? Coffee and cookies at the town office sounds more professional and neutral to all the good businesses we have here.

*Laverne Guertin  
Didsbury*

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### MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

### LIFELINE SOCIETY MEETING:

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HO 10-10	17 Julia Place	Home Occupation - Web design/maintenance (with conditions)	R1

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*Alana Gibson, Development Officer*



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 25 - 29, 2010 is this year's **Spring Clean-Up**. Residents are encouraged to clean-up their properties and take advantage of the "Reduced Rate Landfill Days"

**Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Saturday will be open from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.**

*To access the landfill site, please pick-up a tag (with proof of residency - for example, a utility bill) at the Public Works Shop, for a fee of \$15.00, between May 10 - 21 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. This tag needs to be handed in to the attendant at the Landfill Site upon arrival. For individuals who do not hand in a tag, regular landfill rates will be applied at the site. Note: The tag will only be honored for 1/2-ton or 3/4-ton trucks.*

### SPECIAL DAYS

**Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> White Day:** The Town will collect appliances from your residence providing that they have been placed on the curb with a red tag. A red tag will be issued upon request at the Public Works Shop for a fee of \$35.00. Only fridges, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers and bathtubs will be picked up.

**Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Curbside Day:** Elderly or Disabled persons requiring curbside pick-up of items, other than appliances may make arrangements at the Public Works Shop to obtain a tag for a fee of \$20.00. Please place your tag on the item being picked up for you.

As per Waste Management Guidelines: scrap metal, propane tanks, waste oil, and household hazardous waste can be accepted at the site. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU SORT YOUR MATERIALS PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE SITE**; this will save you time, the landfill attendant's time, and the time of others trying to access the site.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 403-335-8343 or online at [www.didsbury.ca](http://www.didsbury.ca)

## WATER RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION

Didsbury is at a LEVEL 1 RESTRICTION until further notice.

**Level 1 - Restrict outside watering (lawn, garden, car washing at home, etc.) to even-numbered addresses on even calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses on odd calendar days.**

Please contact the Town of Didsbury Office at 403-335-3391 or the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission at 403-227-5828 if you have any questions.

## TOWN OF DIDSBUY HERITAGE SURVEY

The Town of Didsbury has initiated a Heritage Survey with the help of Heritage Collaborative Inc. During the next few months, surveyors will be in Didsbury compiling a listing of heritage buildings and will be taking photographs as part of the survey.

### What is a Heritage Survey?

A Heritage Survey is a record of the Town of Didsbury significant built history and cultural landscapes. The Survey is developed through:

- Photographing structures and landscapes
- Researching the history of those structures and landscapes
- Recording this history on Site Forms provided by the Alberta Government

Once complete, the Heritage Survey assists in the conservation and protection of Town of Didsbury's heritage resources.

Surveyors will not trespass on private property and will not access private property unless granted permission by the landowner. Inclusion in the Heritage Survey has no legal impact on the property and does not limit its future use.

### What is eligible for the Heritage Survey?

Sites eligible for the Heritage Survey should be 50 years or older and be significant to the history of the Town of Didsbury, such sites may include:

- Residences
- Churches
- Schools
- Commercial buildings
- Cultural Landscapes such as trails and roadways

### Contact us:

If you have any questions or concerns about the Heritage Survey please feel free to contact either Eryn Buckle, representative for Heritage Collaborative Inc. or CynDee Walden, Town of Didsbury Project Planner. The Town of Didsbury will be holding an Open House in the future to answer questions you may have concerning the Survey and to provide an opportunity for residents to suggest sites for inclusion on the Heritage Survey.

### Eryn Buckle

Heritage Collaborative, Inc.  
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403.675.6371

### CynDee Walden

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403.335.3391

## 2010 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXATION NOTICES

NOTICES WERE MAILED ON MAY 20, 2010

**TAXES ARE DUE ON JUNE 30, 2010**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PENALTY WILL APPLY JULY 2, 2010**

(EXCEPTION **ANNEXED PROPERTIES ONLY**: DUE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2010)

If you have not received your Property Assessment & Taxation Notice by May 27, 2010 contact the Tax Department at 403-335-7354.







## Police briefs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

### Tools stolen

Tools were stolen from a construction trailer east of Hwy 2A, last week.

Didsbury RCMP hasn't yet recovered work equipment taken from the site May 14, sometime between 12 p.m. and 11 a.m. and continues to investigate.

### Vandalism

Vandals used sugar in an act that was anything but sweet.

Sugar was put in the gas tank of a vehicle parked along 15A Street in Didsbury, on May 13. There were no witnesses. Police say the sugar could have done the engine serious damage.

### Crime chat

Over 20 people from agencies across the region gathered in Didsbury last week, to show interest in fighting rural crime.

RCMP Sergeant Jeff Jacobson invited representatives from organizations spanning Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona with the hope of starting a

Didsbury Enforcement Advisory Committee to bring to light crime-related issues and ways to address them.

"We want our community to be as safe as possible and we can do that through information sharing," Jacobson said in an earlier interview.

He was originally unsure of how many people would attend the first meeting but said the response was "excellent."

"This was just the first meeting to see how many people were interested in starting something up and they seemed really positive about it."

Agencies at the event, including Victim Services and Fish and Wildlife, highlighted issues from vandalism and mischief to educating youth about drugs.

The next meeting will be in June to discuss what role this new group will play.

"This is in the very early stages but we hope it means being proactive on different issues and enhancing safety in all the communities in this (detachment) area."

## Rookies bat win

At first I thought we might have to cancel the Didsbury Rookies' game against Sundre, May 19, but it turned out to be a perfect night for ball.

Sundre arrived and had a great looking young team and was eager to play. Before the game even started one of the players lost a tooth when the ball skipped off of his glove and into his mouth. We got him cleaned up and the game got underway shortly after. The Didsbury Jets were the first to bat and bat did they ever. The kids have come a long way and it didn't take long for them to fill the bases and their runs in. Sundre was up to the challenge and answered some extremely good batting. Tage Fawns put it away in the second inning with a grand slam. He can sure hit a ball. The final score was 19-8 for Didsbury.

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## In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

The installation of Officers for Didsbury Lodge #317 (O.O.R.P.) was held at the Elks Hall on Wed. May 12. The Didsbury Elks Patrol Team added colour, conducting the officers to their stations.

Assistant Installing Officer Eleonore Grawe, Assistant Installing Secretary Darlene Hehr, Assistant Installing Pianist Shirley Thompson, District Deputy Linda Rush all did a great job on their duties.

Honored Royal Lady - Irene Collinge, Immediate Past H.R.L. - Terry Phillips, Associate Royal Lady - Mary Spragg, Loyal Lady - Helen Maeers, Lecturing Lady - Kay Rylance, Secretary - Joan Hannah, Treasurer - Irene Dickau, Chaplin - Karen Smith, Historian - Christina Mullaly-Enmark, Conductor - Mary Schemionek, Guard - Ellen Tevendale, Pianist - Shirley Thompson.

The next meeting is Wed., May 26 at the Bud Barn at Neapolis; it is a potluck and supper at 6:30 p.m.

### Fri. May 28

Cribbage play starts at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. All are welcome to join in the card games and to enjoy the coffee and goodies and visiting.

### Tues. June 1

The Didsbury and District Health Services Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital. New members always welcome.

### Thurs. June 3

Seniors, is June your birthday month? The doors at Eldon Foote Hall (train station) will open at 1:30 p.m. and after fun and games, you will be treated with birthday cake and other refreshments.

### Thurs. June 3

This is family games night starting at 7 p.m. at Rosebud Hall. Bring your favourite game and a snack to share and enjoy!

### Wed. June 9

Today, you are invited to come to the 5-0 Club for the Annual BBQ Windup at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy and have a good summer, and see you in September.

### Thurs. June 10

This is the day of the Seniors Windup for the summer. Come to the Multi Purpose Room at the Complex by 1:30 p.m. and be part of the "Salute to Veterans". There will be a piper, sing-song and refreshments, door prizes and then it's time for summer holidays.

# DIDSBUY REVIEW

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# Project gets million dollar boost

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Didsbury seniors will have greater access to affordable housing thanks to a million dollar government investment.

Last week the provincial and federal governments announced funding for 19 affordable housing projects in Alberta, including special needs housing in Fox Creek and 20 rental units in Didsbury.

Local developer, Harvest Builders, will turn the sod on the project this summer, which will also include 20 townhouses with entry-level pricing.

"We saw a need for affordable housing ... there are seniors on the wait-list for Aspen Ridge Lodge and even more who haven't been able to make the list for whatever reason. We want to give those people a place to live," said James Carpenter, spokesperson for Harvest Builders.

The company applied for the grant a year ago and was handed the dollars last Thursday. It will be their first affordable housing initiative.

The draft plan should be approved in the coming months with the basements installed before the ground freezes.

Politicians and tradespeople were on hand at the Harvest Builders office to celebrate the development. Blake Richards, MP for Wildrose, toasted the building as a "real benefit" to the community. It will free up property in town, while giving families and seniors less expensive housing options, he said.

start at about \$450 a month. Mayor Brian Wittal, who was also on hand, said this could help bolster this town's reputation as a centre of care for seniors.

"We are not trying to turn our town into a seniors' village but we definitely want to draw them in with projects like this ... because if we can get them to stay it will help anchor our hospital, emergency room and doctors we need for the rest of the community."

The 40 building development is being touted as a 'high standard' facility. The designer, Fred Van Vliet, said it could include everything from a daycare and hair salon to a 'rain' garden and waterfall.

"When people think about affordable housing they think of a trailer park ... and this will be anything but. It's going to go above and beyond environmental and quality-of-living standards," he said.

This could also be a model for developers as more turn to social housing initiatives.

"Developers were rolling in the gravy train a year ago and no one wanted to take on affordable housing projects ... that's going to change now and they are going to look to us as an example of how this can be done."



**"We are not trying to turn our town into a seniors' village but we definitely want to draw them in with projects like this."**

BRIAN WITTEL  
Mayor

The entry-level townhomes are expected to sell for about \$199,000, while the senior rental suites will



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

**MOMMY'S LITTLE HELPER** - Laurie Holowenko watches her son Kyle, 3, help at the gas station as the two run errands, Wednesday.

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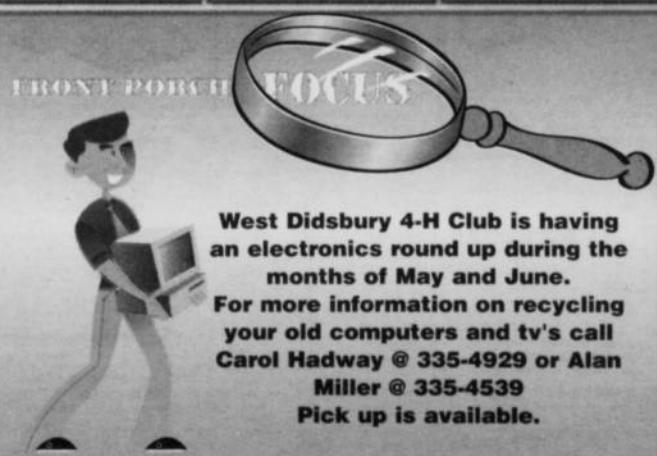
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